

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

IONUT MADALIN ZAMFIR and DANIEL  
ANDRONACHE,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:23-cr-00180-LK

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED  
MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL  
AND PRETRIAL MOTIONS  
DEADLINE

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' Stipulated Joint Motion to Continue Trial and Extend Pretrial Motions Deadline. Dkt. No. 48. Defendants Ionut Zamfir and Daniel Andronache, together with the Government, seek to continue the trial date from February 5, 2024 to April 29, 2024, and to continue the pretrial motions deadline to March 18, 2024. *Id.* at 1.

On November 15, 2023, a federal grand jury indicted Mr. Zamfir and Mr. Andronache with 12 counts of Bringing an Alien into the United States at a Place Other than a Designated Port of Entry, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(i). Dkt. No. 19 at 1–6. Defendants pleaded not guilty to all charges and remain in custody. Dkt. Nos. 31–32, 36. On December 22, 2023, the Court

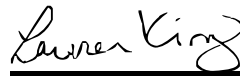
1 granted Defendants’ motion to continue the trial date from January 22, 2024 to February 5, 2024.  
2 Dkt. No. 46 at 3. Defendants seek an additional continuance “in order to continue to review  
3 evidence, meet with counsel for effective representation, assist with investigation, consider viable  
4 defenses, review potential motions to suppress evidence, and consider a plea agreement presented  
5 by the government.” Dkt. No. 48 at 2. The Government produced discovery on December 5th, 7th,  
6 14th, and 29th, and the parties anticipate that additional discovery will be produced by the  
7 Government and requested by Defendants. *Id.* The Government has also communicated an offer  
8 to Defendants and expects that they will “request modifications to the proposed offer, which will  
9 take time considering collateral consequences, including immigration issues.” *Id.* Furthermore,  
10 counsel for Defendants note that “[m]eaningful communication” with Mr. Zamfir and Mr.  
11 Andronache requires the assistance of a Romanian interpreter. *Id.* Mr. Zamfir and Mr. Andronache  
12 have each filed speedy trial waivers, knowingly and voluntarily waiving their rights to a speedy  
13 trial to a date up to and including May 13, 2024. Dkt. Nos. 47, 49.

14 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the Court finds that the ends of justice served by  
15 granting a continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and Defendants in any speedier  
16 trial. Specifically, the Court finds that failure to grant the requested continuance would likely result  
17 in a miscarriage of justice and would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for  
18 effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, due to counsel’s need for  
19 more time to review the discovery and other materials with Defendants and an interpreter, conduct  
20 investigation and legal research, prepare motions, and plan a defense at trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. §  
21 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), (iv). The Court finds that the additional time requested is a reasonable period of  
22 delay and will be necessary to provide counsel and Defendants reasonable time to accomplish the  
23 above tasks.

24 For these reasons, the Court GRANTS the motion, Dkt. No. 48, and ORDERS that the trial

1 date shall be continued from February 5, 2024 to April 29, 2024, and the pretrial motions deadline  
2 shall be continued to March 18, 2024. It is further ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C.  
3 § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B), the period of delay from the date of this Order to the new trial date is  
4 EXCLUDED when computing the time within which Defendants' trial must commence under the  
5 Speedy Trial Act.

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7 Dated this 4th day of January, 2024.

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9 Lauren King  
United States District Judge